

Sports Day

The three teams at this year's sport's day were The Redbacks, the Huntsmans and the Scorpions. These menacing creatures locked heads and wowed crowds in a formidable display of exertion and skill. Overall, the menacing Redbacks triumphed on the scoreboard. Congrats to all the winners this year and to Silas for winning the inaugural FCS Gift. A big thank you to Haydn and James for organising the event! Also, many thanks to parents and staff who helped out on the day.

Rounders

The girls were victorious in the rounders Regional Grand Final against Riddles Creek Primary School (score: 24-6), winning a spot in the Rounders Girls State Championship! Come down to the Preston East Primary School at 9:30am on the 27th November to support them! Well done girls!

The boys climbed their way up into the Regional semi-final again, but just lost to Bellbridge Primary School (score: 8-6). Well done boys!



Rounders Regional Champs!

Hoop time regional basketball finals

SOOOOO CLOSE!!! In a tension packed Grand Final on court #1, our Biggies just missed out on a place to the State Hoop Time Championships, the final score reading 16 – 12.

Highlights included the brilliant fast breaks made in Game 5, giving us a place in the Grand Final... the way Lily, Estelle & Alessia coped so well with the extra court time due to Mimi being unable to play on the day... the savvy play of Scott... the 'stealing' of our Indian rubber man James Walsh... the coolness under pressure of Rudi and Anthony... and the running and gunning of Jeremy and Lucas. Our nine players all did very well and produced some great plays.

For me the exercise was the successful culmination of lots of training and scrimmage sessions throughout

the year, enabling team members to be near or at their best on the day. Winning a place in the Grand Final was especially impressive, considering we only have 12 students in Grade 6. As I said to the players at half time in the final game "Contrary to popular belief winning isn't everything in life – striving to do one's best is what's important", and I felt the process achieved the latter. All team members should be pleased with their efforts.

Thanks go to Tim Brewin & David Aldenhoven for coaching and scoring, to Christopher, Emmett and Samantha for scoring, and Sasha for cheering the team on. Thanks to the school for inviting me to coach our Basketball teams in 2007. I wish all the Grade 6 Biggies the very best for Secondary School in 2008.

~Keith Howden



The basketball squad

Middlies camp

15th – 17th October: Lots of fun was had by all at The Land, with the usual 'white wing experiments' (how many can you fit on a swing?), trampolining, eating, sliding down Samurai Track and face painting with river rocks. The local echidna gave a very noisy performance for Coco, Grace and Elizabeth. Thanks to Jeannette and Sarah Cooper-Cooney for leading the camp.

Littlies camp

22nd – 24th October: The Littlies enjoyed similar activities at The Land as those mentioned above, with the added bonus of Jono's presence and playing 'Monster'. Philip came to both Middlies and Littlies camps and did marvellous work on The Fountain, as well as offering some training in carpentry principles ("measure twice, cut once"). We hope to make woodwork classes a feature of coming camps.

Limerick competition

A limerick is a five-line poem with a strict form (three metrical feet in lines one, two and five, and two metrical feet in lines three and four; rhyming A-A-B-B-A), originally popularized in English by Edward Lear in his first Book of Nonsense (1846). Limericks are frequently witty and sometimes obscene with humorous intent. *Hickory Dickory Dock* published by John Newbery (1774), is one of the most popular limericks. Two limerick examples follow:

A wonderful bird is the pelican,
His bill will hold more than his belican,
He can take in his beak
Enough food for a week
But I'm darned if I know how the helican!
~Dixon Lanier Merritt (1910)

A flea and a fly in a flue
Were caught, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "Let us flee."
"Let us fly," said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.
~Anonymous

Write a limerick and give it to Paulzky or email it to paulzky@gmail.com . The best limerick will win a place in the next new sletter and a surprise prize of size applies!

Readathon

FCS kids participated in the MS Readathon, raising \$718 for Multiple Sclerosis Australia. Multiple sclerosis is a chronic disease that can cause poor vision, muscle weakness, difficulties with coordination, depression, cognitive impairments and pain by damaging myelin (neural insulation) in the nervous system. It occurs in about 1 in 1,000 Australians. Well done to all Readathon participants!



Art by Lucas H

Investing In Our Schools Grant - second round

The Aussie government has approved our grant application to assist the school with the provision of a projector screen for the media room, shelving and books for the library. This project is another exciting addition to our school's resources.

Housekeeping

Electives: please let Jeannette know now if you intend to discontinue solo electives in 2008.

Double parking: please don't double park when dropping of your kids. You can park on Freeman Street and send them through the back gate if there's no parking space at the front.

School fees: fees are due by the last day of **this** term for the first term of 2008. Much thanks!

School play photo-book

A collection of photographs from the school play ('The Vampires of North Fitzroy') have been printed and bound (hardcover) as a beautiful photo-book. Available at cost for \$55. Please see Pauline if you'd like one.



Sasha, final play night

Play costumes

The play costumes will be resorted and boxed over the summer holidays (probably second half of Jan 2008). If you're willing to help, give either Karina (Kiana) or Sharon (Hannah) a holler to confirm the date. Thanks!